

## BINGHAM GETS CITY JOB

Mayor Gaynor Approves of Him as "Eminent Civil Engineer."

## MAY END THE LIBEL SUIT

The General Will Reorganize the Bureau of Highways for President McAneny.

General Theodore A. Bingham, U. S. A., retired, who was summarily removed from the office of Police Commissioner in July, 1909, after a controversy he had with Mayor Gaynor, at that time on the Supreme Court bench, was appointed yesterday chief engineer, in charge, in the Bureau of Highways, by President McAneny of the borough of Manhattan. He will assume his new duties on May 1, succeeding George W. Tilton, who has become consulting engineer in the office of the Brooklyn Borough President, in place of Robert C. Creutz, general engineer, who will receive \$5,000 a year, and not to have full power to reorganize the Bureau of Highways, which, according to a statement issued by the "Bureau of Municipal Research" yesterday, has been inefficient. This reorganization will extend to both personnel and methods.

As much bitterness existed between Mayor Gaynor and General Bingham, and a libel suit the general brought against the Mayor for \$100,000 is still pending in the City Hall as to how the Mayor would consider the action of President McAneny in bringing General Bingham into the administration.

At first the Mayor had nothing to say, but later gave out the following statement: "I should think it is a good appointment as I understand General Bingham to be an eminent civil engineer. Last year, when President McAneny contemplated employing him as a consulting engineer, he asked me about it, and I told him I thought it would be an excellent appointment."

General Bingham at that time acted as consulting engineer in sewer work done in connection with some subway work by the Public Service Commission. This libel suit, which followed remarks of Mayor Gaynor, then on the bench, accusing the Police Commissioner of "despotism and lawlessness" shocking to every American, has been hanging fire ever since, and may have come to trial.

In announcing the appointment of General Bingham, through his secretary, President McAneny said:

"The borough officers have been at work for some weeks upon a plan for the thorough reorganization of the Bureau of Highways. A great deal in the way of improvement has been accomplished during the last fifteen months, as a comparison of results will readily show. We have, however, thus far, worked with the old force. I have been convinced that considerably better results can be secured through a general shaking up of the personnel and through other changes of administrative methods. This process will commence on May 1. This work, to be as effective as I want it to be, calls for a big man."

The Borough President added that the trouble with the pavements in the last winter had been attributed largely to the worn out condition of the greater part of the asphalt area, the lack of a municipal repair plant and the unusual conditions of the weather, but if there had been any difficulties attributable to defective administrative methods inherited with the old system he hoped such methods would disappear before General Bingham had gone far.

The announcement of General Bingham's appointment was precipitated by the criticism issued by the Bureau of Municipal Research earlier in the day, in which they said they had suggested to the Borough President an entire new system of inspection, records, rules and regulations for the guidance of inspectors.

In regard to this statement President McAneny said: "I informed Mr. Bruere, my director, some weeks ago that they planned for a reorganization would be ready to announce about the present time. The several suggestions by the bureau have been received and are still receiving the consideration of the Commissioner of Public Works."

General Bingham was graduated from West Point in 1879 and served in the engineer corps of the army until his retirement as brigadier general, in 1901. In that time he served as military attaché in Berlin for three years and for the same period in Rome. For some years he was an aid to President Roosevelt at the White House.

Some time he also held charge of various work and public buildings in the District of Columbia. While engaged in building a breakwater at Buffalo he crushed his leg, making it necessary to have it amputated.

In 1906, the year after his retirement, he was appointed Police Commissioner by Mayor McClelland, holding the place for four years.

## SERUM CURE IN MENINGITIS

Health Department Will Recommend It to Physicians.

In an effort to fight cerebro-spinal meningitis to the best advantage, the Health Department will soon recommend to physicians the need for bacteriological examination, not only in definite cases of meningitis, but also in cases of suspected meningitis. In this way the cases of epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis will have the benefit of early serum treatment.

At present cases are treated by the department only in conjunction with the attending physicians. As soon as a case is reported to the department research laboratory an appointment is made to see the doctor.

The anti-meningitis serum was supplied from the laboratories of the department in 1909, but with uncertain results. Later the Rockefeller Institute undertook the production and the results obtained with the anti-meningitis serum were so successful that the Health Department decided to provide for the production of the serum when the institute stopped distributing it.

The increase of the annual appropriation for the work of the research laboratory has now made possible the more extensive production and use of the serum.

The cases of meningitis diagnosed in the laboratory have established the fact that the anti-meningitis serum is a correct clinical diagnosis in almost all cases. It was pointed out that in a number of cases where the results were fatal, even after the use of serum, an early diagnosis might have made its use effective.

## TO RAISE TAXICAB RATES

Ten Cents a Mile Will Be Added, Probably After May 1.

It seems probable that the taxicab rates will be raised by a number of the companies after May 1. Three of the principal concerns—the Connecticut Taxicab Company, the Mason & Seaman Transportation Company and the Universal Taxicab Company—are said to be the pioneers in the movement, but the other companies probably will fall in line.

P. J. Holesworth, Jr., of the Connecticut company, said the final decision had not yet been made, but that something would have to be done, as all the companies were losing money. John Naughton, of the Universal company, corroborated Mr. Holesworth, and it was said that the New York Transportation Company's office that it

will raise the rates. The small hat has reigned almost alone since the advent of the first spring millinery, and admirers of the large one have not as yet even the certainty of its return to favor with the warm weather for their consolation. A shady brim seems to be a fitting accompaniment to a summer day, but there are not many who are so varied and beautiful than ever to take its place.

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## Of Interest to Women

FOR SUMMER WEATHER MAKING CAPABLE WIVES

Small Hats and Parasols, Instead of Shady Brims.

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## 'SNOBBERY' CHARGE DENIED

Purpose of Suffrage Parade Misunderstood, Says Mrs. Blatch.

The Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: An interview in The Tribune of April 20 with some unnamed persons in regard to the woman suffrage parade indicates that there is among a few people a misunderstanding as to the organization of the procession. Will you permit me to set some points right?

All the marchers will not be "separated according to occupations." Various divisions of the procession will have nothing whatsoever to do with a person's calling. A section marching in East 54th street will cover people coming from all outside of New York. The New York State Woman Suffrage Association will welcome any and every organization of suffragists in the Empire State joining its division, in West 54th street. Any one desiring to march according to her Assembly district should join the Woman Suffrage party. Those who belong to no suffrage organization, to no district, but are sympathizers, can join a division in 54th street, west of Fifth avenue. All men desiring to march can drop in behind the Men's League for Woman Suffrage, in West 54th street. These sections cover every conceivable person, and in them no questions are asked as to one's pursuit.

The occupational groups being organized by the Women's Political Union are but one section of the parade. The object of this section is to drive home the fact that the position of women has entirely altered in the last century. A float will give a hint of the sheltered eighteenth century woman with her industries. Then will follow the women of to-day marching, rank

upon rank, from every occupation in which they are earning an honorable living. The idea is not of separation into antagonistic groups. They will march as a united army. With no suffrage banner, but under the banners of their occupations, these women will be the most unanswerable argument for suffrage.

The criticism of this occupational section of the parade is as inaccurate as the assertion that "men don't do that way." The great political parties have often marched in their parades according to occupations. The very banner carried by one group of professional men in a political parade a year or two ago is to be unfurled over the women from the same profession in our procession on May 8.

But those who do not feel the significance of the occupational groups certainly understand and will be loyal to the idea of the parade as a whole. It is a march of protest against the continued exclusion of women from a share in making the laws under which they and their children live, labor and die. Every believer in votes for women can find a place in some section of the parade and register her protest against the tactics of the Legislature in regard to the suffrage bill.

HARRIOT STANTON BLATCH, Chairman of the General Parade Committee, New York, April 23, 1911.

SLANDER STILL UNCURRED

Minerva Members Have Not Yet Amended Constitution.

Yet a little longer may the members of Minerva slander one another if they feel inclined. When three hundred of them

gathered in the Waldorf yesterday for their annual business meeting and luncheon it looked as if reform was imminent, for Mrs. Robert F. Cartwright was on hand with her motion, introduced at a meeting a month ago, for an amendment to the constitution forbidding members on pain of dismissal from the club.

Just what was said about the motion when it came up yesterday nobody really knows. An impressive person in plumes and purple silk stood guard at the door and excluded the press, and the excited women who burst out occasionally for breaths of air gave widely varying accounts.

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Appetite prevailed, and the women streamed out to eat. The motion was left in the air, but it's to be voted upon at a special meeting, on May 11.

This postponement will give the amateur Sherlock Holmes of the club time to find out, if they can, who was the author of the anonymous letter recently sent every member of the club, predicting extinction for the organization if the motion passed, and incidentally saying unkind things about Mrs. Howard MacNutt, the president. It was pointed out yesterday that the letter was printed, which makes it easier to trace it.

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What Well-Known English Proverb Does This Picture Represent?

JUST A FEW PENNIES SIR I'M SO HUNGRY

NO!

I SHOULD SAY YOU'LL GET THE LIMIT

CUT THE SENTENCE JUDGE

THE LIMIT ISN'T ENOUGH

New-York Tribune's Proverb Picture No. 58

Another Proverb Problem in To-morrow's Tribune.

## SAYS POOR WOULD SUFFER

Mrs. Heath Protests Against "Regulating Ice Business."

Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the League of Home Economics, protested yesterday afternoon at a hearing of the committee on laws and legislation of the Board of Aldermen against a proposed ordinance providing for the "regulation of the ice business." From what Mrs. Heath and others said, it would appear that such an ordinance, which was proposed by Alderman Heffernan, of Brooklyn, would put the small dealer out of business and make it impossible for poor people in the tenements to get ice at all.

Alderman Heffernan would have every one put out of business who did not have a wagon to hold at least a ton of ice, with a cover, and two sides and one end closed. For the "clean and sanitary" wagon a slight might be substituted in snowy weather. For each wagon a license fee of \$5 would be exacted.

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